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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1895.

In their report on the progress of special work carried out for the prevention of the further spread of bubonic plague Commander HASTINGS and Mr. CROW say the experience of this year would seem to demonstrate that the disease was nipped in the bud and an epidemic averted by the prompt removal and segregation of the inmates and the disinfection and cleansing of the infected premises. Twenty-six cases occurred, all of which proved fatal. Of this number six came from one house in Heung Lane and two from an adjoining house, all occurring within six days. The fear that this was but the beginning of a formidable epidemic was not an unreasonable one, but happily the measures taken to prevent the spread of the disease proved effective. There is every reason to believe that the epidemic of 1894 could also have been nipped in the bud had the work been taken in hand in time. At that time experience in the matter was wanting, but the authorities cannot be held altogether blameless for the disastrous delay which occurred, nor do the circumstances lend any support to the contention that Government officials are more trustworthy guardians of the public health than the Sanitary Board. We venture to think that had the latter body had any means of becoming acquainted with the existence of the disease on its first appearance, more prompt action would have been taken and the epidemic would never have been allowed to assume the dimensions it did. As it was, the Board had no medical officer on its staff and the disease had been making headway for some time before official routine allowed the fact to come to the Board's knowledge. The result was that many lives were sacrificed—a horrible holocaust on the altar of red tape—business was paralysed for months, and every member of the community suffered loss and inconvenience. The lesson was a severe one and has not been without its effect. It is true the Government misread the lesson and instead of strengthening the Sanitary Board and increasing its powers tried to wipe it out of existence. What the result of that attempt may be is still unknown, the decision of the Secretary of State not having been published. In the meantime, however, the necessity for efficient sanitary precautions has been recognised and it has been demonstrated, we think, that with the exercise of care, and promptitude in dealing with cases as they arise, the colony can protect itself against the dreaded disease and need have no apprehension of any such epidemic as that which occurred last year again depopulating the city. To Commander HASTINGS and Mr. CROW, and the officers who have been associated with them in the work that has been carried on for the prevention of the spread of plague the thanks of the community are due for their exertions, which have been so happily successful. The two gentlemen named have worked as a committee of the Sanitary Board, to which body their report is made. It may be urged that the same

gentlemen would have performed the same work with equal efficiency had there been no Sanitary Board in existence, and that they were responsible directly to the Government; a contention with which we are not disposed to quarrel, for speaking generally we have no doubt of the zeal and efficiency of the individual members of the Government Service. It is the system under which they work that is at fault, a system that impedes free movement and hinders adaptation to circumstances at all out of the ordinary routine. Some measure of popular representation is required as a corrective to the obstruction caused by red tape, and more especially is this the case in matters relating to public health, in which little real progress can be made unless public opinion be enlisted in its favour.

The P. & O. steamer *Manzan* left Bombay for this port on the 5th inst.

The steamer *Madras* left Singapore on the 7th inst., and is due here on or about the 13th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Agamemnon*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Tuesday afternoon and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst.

The course for the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's race on Sunday, the 1st of the season, will be from the Submarine Mining Pier to a mark off Cow-cow, leaving it on the starboard, and back to the starting line, 11 miles.

The Secretary of the Danjion Mining Co., Limited, advises that he has received the following telegram from Danjion, being the result of the clean up for October: The mill ran 27 days, crushing 1,000 tons of ore for a yield of 329 ounces of bullion.

It is reported, says a Shanghai special paper, that the opening of the Japanese Settlement at Shanghai in September, 1895, has been a success. The Japanese Consul-General is now at Soochow discussing affairs attributable to the opening of the Settlement. The Japanese Consul-General has drawn up a plan of the Settlement and will hand it over to the Japanese Consul on his arrival at Shanghai.

A Bill has been introduced in the South Australian Parliament for the regulation of mining in the Northern Territory. One of the clauses provides that no gold mining lease shall be granted to Asiatic aliens, and another clause, that in the future no mining lease shall be transferable to Chinese or Asiatic aliens. When the Bill is in committee this was made still more stringent by the enacting of an amendment to the effect that no Chinese or Asiatic aliens be employed in working the mines.

To-day and to-morrow the Cricket Club play the Big Game. The following will play for the Club:—

S. Smith, E. C. Ellis,
H. C. M. Elliott, S. L. Darby,
E. Mast, S. F. Mallard,
J. A. Lawson, S. A. Gordon,
C. M. Firth, Sir-Major Reade.
A. N. Othas.

This afternoon the Band of the Rifle Brigade, commanded by Capt. Paul and the officers of the Regiment, will play on the ground.

The following paragraph appears in the *Progres Commercial de Saigon*:—"Might this be a spy?—M. Medor, Captain in the English army, on the active list, arrived at Saigon by the *Tigre* and left Saigon by the *Tigre* for Singapore. A British steamer *Dorchester* without the harbour pilot having caught more than a glimpse of him, the circumstances appear to be sufficiently grave to call for an inquiry to establish the responsibility of anyone in this affair." On referring to the Army List we fail to find any Captain Medor. There is a Surgeon-Lieutenant of that name in the Bengal Medical Department, a Lieutenant of the same name in the Madras Medical Department, and another Lieutenant of the same name in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The *Japan Mail* learns that according to official information received from Berlin, Prince Lobanoff, in his audience with the Emperor of Germany, did not make use of the language which the Emperor's telegram to the Emperor of Russia contained. That telegram read as follows:—"Prince Lobanoff, at an interview with the German Emperor, said that Russia cannot tolerate the Japanese establishing themselves in Korea, where their presence would be a continual menace to both Russia and China." The contradiction is couched in rather vague terms. If Prince Lobanoff did not use the language attributed to him, what language did he use? The question is whether he expressed any such opinion as that attributed to him. If the contradiction only rests on a quibble as to the language in which the opinion was expressed it possesses no value.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethercole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the donation to the funds of the hospitals—Net proceeds of concert at Kowloon, where their presence will be per Mr. Y. B. Crow, Esq. £278.15.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Messrs Kelly & Walsh	\$122.00
Mount Austin Hotel	156.00
At the door	50.00
Donations	13.00
	\$341.00
Hire of piano	\$12.00
Extra charge on account of postponement	8.00
Messrs Robinson & Co.	11.00
Messrs Kelly & Walsh	6.25
Messrs Goodes & Co.	11.00
Daily Press	7.50
China Mail	5.50
Hongkong Telegraph	7.00
Messrs Kelly & Walsh	1.00
Extra tram	5.00
Balance	\$78.15
	\$341.00

REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE DAILY PRESS.)
London, 6th November.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.
A Cabinet Council was held in London yesterday.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.
All the Foreign Embassies at Constantinople have separately urged the Porte to take immediate measures to terminate the prevailing anarchy, as being detrimental to Christians of all nations, otherwise it will be necessary to take concerted measures.

SUPREME COURT.
7th November.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE MR. A. G. WIER (PUNISH JUDGE).

CHUNG KAM CHUN V. VILLA, LOPEZ, AND CO. AND A. S. HASTINGS.

The plaintiff sought to recover \$408.90 for food supplied to passengers on the *Asak* on behalf of the defendants. Mr. Hastings (for Mr. V. H. Disson) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Grist for the defendants.

Mr. Hastings and the plaintiff was the complainant on board the steamer *Asak*, which was chartered by the first defendants and made two or three voyages for them from Tainanfo, Amoy, and Swatow. The second defendant, Mr. Grist, was in the transaction with the first defendant.

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A MEMORIAL DONATION.

The firm of Rothchilds, London, 5th October, have given a donation of 100,000 francs (£4,000) to the fund for the relief of the French soldiers wounded in the Madagascar campaign.

THE CONGO STATE.

The authorities of the Congo Free State are recruiting 6,000 native troops to serve under Baron Dhanis in order to prevent aggression on the frontiers of the State.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.

The Earl of Jersey has declined the position of chairman of the London School Board.

FALL IN COLONIAL SECURITIES.

There has been a general fall in the quotations for colonial securities, in sympathy with a rise in the mining market.

THE RELAPSE IN THE MINING MARKET.

The relapse in the mining market, which has occurred since the 1st of October, has been a general one, and has affected all the principal securities.

A COLONIAL LOAN.

The Government of New South Wales have invited tenders for a loan of £4,000,000 bearing 3 per cent. interest.

The announcement of the new loan has been received very favourably on the Stock Exchange, and there has already been a rise in the price of the loan.

TENDERS FOR A LOAN.

Tenders were opened on the 3rd of October for a loan of £4,000,000 issued by the New South Wales Government.

The total amount tendered was £6,800,000. Tenders at 2 1/2 per cent. will be accepted.

The slight panic in the city and the general fall in colonial securities, which has occurred since the 1st of October, has been a general one.

The Standard says that the New South Wales loan was a very successful success. Much of the stock, it adds, is not strongly held.

The Financial Times remarks that it is glad the success of the loan is within bounds, and that it is not calculated to turn the heads of the other colonies.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Teer*, from Moji 1st Nov., had fresh to strong breeze from N.W. to N. to port.

The British steamer *Tahiti*, from Shanghai 3rd Nov., and *Swallow* 6th, had strong monsoon and fine clear weather.

The British steamer *Hailong*, from Tamsui 4th Nov., *Amoy* 5th and *Swallow* 6th, had strong N.E. monsoon, but from Swallow to Tamsui, the weather was moderate N.W. monsoon and fine weather.

The British steamer *Guthrie*, from Sydney 12th Oct., *Brisbane* 14th, *Townsville* 17th, *Canton* 18th, *Cooktown* 19th, *Thursday* Island 21st, *Port Darwin* 22nd, *Perth* 23rd, *London* 24th, *Amoy* 25th, *Swallow* 26th, *Teer* 27th, *Tahiti* 28th, *Swallow* 29th, *Teer* 30th, *Tahiti* 1st Nov., *Swallow* 2nd, *Teer* 3rd, *Tahiti* 4th, *Swallow* 5th, *Teer* 6th, *Tahiti* 7th, *Swallow* 8th, *Teer* 9th, *Tahiti* 10th, *Swallow* 11th, *Teer* 12th, *Tahiti* 13th, *Swallow* 14th, *Teer* 15th, *Tahiti* 16th, *Swallow* 17th, *Teer* 18th, *Tahiti* 19th, *Swallow* 20th, *Teer* 21st, *Tahiti* 22nd, *Swallow* 23rd, *Teer* 24th, *Tahiti* 25th, *Swallow* 26th, *Teer* 27th, *Tahiti* 28th, *Swallow* 29th, *Teer* 30th, *Tahiti* 1st Nov., *Swallow* 2nd, *Teer* 3rd, *Tahiti* 4th, *Swallow* 5th, *Teer* 6th, *Tahiti* 7th, *Swallow* 8th, *Teer* 9th, *Tahiti* 10th, *Swallow* 11th, *Teer* 12th, *Tahiti* 13th, *Swallow* 14th, *Teer* 15th, *Tahiti* 16th, *Swallow* 17th, *Teer* 18th, *Tahiti* 19th, 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